

Cantigny Park Welcomes Revolutionary War Reenactment Sept. 8-9

Annual spectacle promises entertainment and education for all ages—plus some very loud cannons!

WHEATON, IL, August 28, 2012 — Cantigny Park will stage an authentic Revolutionary War Reenactment on Saturday, September 8, and Sunday, September 9. The free event, from 10 am to 4 pm each day, brings history to life thanks to hundreds of reenactors from the North West Territory Alliance.

Redcoats and American patriots will converge on the Cantigny Parade Field twice each day, engaging in mock battles complete with cannon and musket fire. The skirmishes are narrated from the sidelines to help spectators understand the action.

Many of the reenactors will pitch tents and camp on the Cantigny grounds. Visitors are invited to walk through the encampment and experience soldier life in the late-1700s. True to the period, the camping soldiers use no “modern” amenities such as flashlights, charcoal or electricity.

North West Territory Alliance is a non-profit educational organization that studies and recreates the culture, lifestyle and arts of the time of the American Revolution, 1775-1783. It strives to duplicate the uniforms, weapons, battlefield tactics and camp life of the era as accurately as possible. For more information, visit nwta.com.

Reenactment activities Sept. 8-9 are free admission with paid parking (\$5 per vehicle). A timeline of events for each day is posted online at Cantigny.org

The Cantigny website also offers details about these popular upcoming events:

- Sept. 1: Stargazing
- Sept. 16: Cantigny Car Show
- Sept. 22: Cantigny Green Fair
- Sept. 28: Oktoberfest Dinner at Cantigny Golf
- Sept. 29: Veterans Benefit Fair
- Oct. 6-7: Civil War Symposium and Reenactment
- Oct. 13: Cantigny Fall Festival

Cantigny Park is open every day through October from 7 am to dusk. Hours are 9 am to dusk in November and December. Annual memberships starting at \$50 include unlimited free parking and other benefits.

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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the nonprofit Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton (Illinois) estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), longtime editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to 30 acres of spectacular gardens, the Robert R. McCormick Museum, the First Division Museum and a 27-hole championship golf course. All are open to the public. Cantigny also is a favorite

destination for special events, weddings, concerts, lectures, workshops and other recreation and learning opportunities for all ages. Full-service banquet and dining facilities are on site. More information, including hours, directions and a calendar of upcoming events is online at Cantigny.org. For details about Cantigny Golf, including the Cantigny Golf Academy and 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

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